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SUBJECT: ZAMBIAN AND CUBAN OFFICIALS MEET

REF: HAVANA 1634

1. CUBAN MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS JOSE
FERNDEZ DE COSIO MET JUNE 27 IN LUSAKA WITH HIS
ZAMBIAN COUNTERPART MR. GREENWOOD SILWIZYA. ACCORDING
TO A REPORT IN THE PARTY-OWNED TIMES OF ZAMBIA, DE COSIO
WARNED THAT THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT WAS UNDER ATTACK FROM
CERTAIN QUARTERS "IN ORDER TO DIVERT IT FROM SUPPORTING
THE STRUGGLE AGAINST COLONIALISM AND RACISM IN SOUTHERN AFRICA."
HE URGED THAT AS ACTIVE MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNMENT,
ZAMBIA AND CUBA SHOULD FACE THESE CHALLENGES TO THE
ORGANIZATION THROUGH GREATER COORDINATION. IN REPLY SIWLIZYA
SAID THAT ZAMBIA AND CUBA SHOULD CONTINUE TO STRENGTHEN THEIR
RELATIONS. HE NOTED THAT THE STRUGGLE IN SOUTHERN AFRICA
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"IS PROGRESSING EFFECTIVELY BECAUSE FREEDON FIGHTERS ARE
HITTING THE ENEMY HARD WHERE IT HURTS."

2. SILWIZYA ALSO COMMENTED ON ZAMBIA PLANS TO TAKE PART IN
THE UPCOMING WORLD YOUTH FESTIVAL IN HAVANA, SAYING THAT
ZAMBIAN PARTICIPANTION WAS IMPORTANT BECAUSE IT WOULD HELP
CEMENT RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTIRES. ZAMBIA PARTI-

CIPATION IN THE FESTIVAL WAS ALSO CONFIRMED BY FINE LIBOMA,
UNIP CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEMBER AND EXECUTIVE CHAIRMAN OF THE
YOUTH BRIGADE. LIBOMA SAID THAT DESPITE THE FACT
THAT OTHER AFRICAN COUNTIRES HAD DROPPED PLANS TO ATTEND,
ZAMBIA WOULD SEND A DELEGATION UNLESS UNFORESEEN DEVELOPMENTS
AROSE.
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